for reforms. The Government of Bihar has repealed the APMC Act. The States and UT of Kerala, Manipur, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Lakshadweep have no APMC Act and hence not requiring reforms.

New Cancer Medicine

†1281. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the researchers of the Alberta University of Canada have recently invented a Medicine called Dycloroacitate (DCH), which has a magic property to cure cancer;

(b) whether the manufacturer of this medicine has no patent rights on this medicine; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) According to ICMR, the information available on the Website of University of Alberta, the Investigators of the University have mentioned that the drug Dichloracetate appears to suppress the growth of cancer cell without affecting normal cell suggesting that it may not have the side effects of Chemotherapy. However, Alberta Cancer Board and Capital Health of the University do not advice the use of drug on human being for treatment of cancer as the same has not been subjected to clinical trial on human beings.

Healthcare infrastructure

1282. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to go in for public-private model for healthcare infrastructure;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government to improve the healthcare infrastructure in the Orissa State, where the mortality rate of both child and the mother is the highest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Government is not proposing any public private model for health care infrastructure. However, the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) provides for pro-people partnership with the non-governmental sector.

(c) For the year 2006-07 out of an allocation of Rs. 6497.00 lakh under NRHM Flexible Fund for Orissa, an amount of Rs. 5787.21 lakhs has been released for implementation till date.

For the year 2006-07, the Ministry has also approved the RCH-II State Programme Implementation Plan for the State of Orissa for Rs. 71.40 crores and the funds of Rs. 52.01 crores has been released for implementation till date.

Medical facilities in KBK region

1283. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the KBK (Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput) and region of Orissa is the poorest, backward, tribal dominated and lacks in medical facilities;

(b) whether the Koraput Citizen's Forum has made a request through the PM to set up a High-tech hospital in this region for the benefits of thousands of poor patients who have to travel long distance to big cities to avail of better medical facilities;

(c) if so, the status of the proposal thereof; and

(d) what is the time-frame within which the proposal would be considered and the required help provided to this backward region?